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The fact that the coal miners have determined to quit work, thus largely increasing the area of the labor disturbance caused by the iron, steel and glass workers, who are already out, is an unfortunate circumstance. Of course,

the demands of the miners, like those of the iron, steel and glass men, appear to the general public to be moderate. The "fair day's pay for a fair day's work," which the miners ask is eminently reasonable.

In the best of times the wages of these workers are low, and they have been reduced in the past year or two more than once. The public is aware of this, and sympathizes with the miners in their sufferings.

No class of men felt the ill effects of the convulsion of 1893 earlier than the miners, or have been afflicted longer.

In any general revival of business which comes to the country they certainly deserve to share.

But, like all other questions, this matter of the strikes has two sides, and to each side the general public must give a hearing. The coal operators declare that under the present condition of trade they are unable to grant the miners' demands. While wages have gone down they have not, the operators contend, gone down faster or farther than coal prices. Moreover, whenever prices went up, they say, wages generally advanced simultaneously. Like all other branches of the industry the coal trade was injuriously affected by the financial disturbances which began four years ago, and some of the losses necessarily were shifted on to the miners.

This is the rule in all occupations in times of distress. There may not be much comfort to them in this reflection, but it is the truth, as everybody knows.

Though the miners, whose wages are low even in normal times, feel the cuts in compensation more than do some other sorts of laborers, yet in some degree at least the same kind of an affliction has come to the majority of men, employers as well as employed.

While public sympathy will be with the strikers so long as they refrain from violating the laws, the folly of starting a labor contest at this period cannot be too strongly condemned. Just at the time when the Tariff Bill was about to go on the statute book, when adequate revenue would be furnished to the Government and adequate protection would be provided for all industries; when confidence was almost fully restored, and when an era of trade activity and prosperity such as the country had not known in a dozen years was about to open, this labor conflict is precipitated to distract all business calculations, to clog the wheels of industry and to postpone the solid and permanent trade expansion which was in sight. The lessons of the disaster which came to the strikers in the labor contests of the past score of years ought to teach the miners wisdom.

The result of the railroad workers folly of 1877, of the Missouri Pacific of 1886 and of the Debs crime of 1894 should teach labor societies the fatuity of precipitating a struggle in times when, as now, the chances are overwhelmingly against them.

Go out and see the big show tonight. Francis H. Pearce, aged 88 years, the oldest veteran of the late War residing in Dover, is quite ill at his home at that place.

Dr. W. L. Davidson, Superintendent of the Chautauqua Assembly at Lexington has been tendered the Presidency of the West Virginia State University at a salary of \$6,000 per annum.

"Last summer one of our grand children was sick with a severe bowel trouble," says Mrs. E. G. Gregory, of Fredericktown, Mo. "Our doctor had failed, then we tried Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which gave very speedy relief." For sale by J. Jas. Wood Drug-gist.

The latest fad is progressive bicycling, says The Courier-Journal. A party of twelve, say, will start at a given point with the idea of covering a distance than which a leader, or guide, has been appointed, the first man will drop back to the sixth child, allowing each man to move up to the girl immediately preceding him. At the next mile Mr. Two will take his place at the end of the line and Mr. Three rides with Miss One. In this way every girl has a chat with every man, and there is no chance for a monopoly in any direction.

FEMALE SUFFRAGE.

Facts Showing the Steady Progress of the Movement to Enfranchise Women.

TAKES NO STEP BACKWARD.

SUMMER'S FOREST, July 1st, 1897.

Mr. Thomas A. Davis, Editor Public Ledger—Dear Sir: I beg you will accept my sincere and earnest thanks for your courtesy in extending to us "female things" the hospitality of your paper.

We appreciate not only your kindness but your moral courage in giving our cause at least courteous toleration.

Some few papers are afraid even to give us recognition, but I am glad to be able to say that these papers are among the "lesser lights" that are, after all, mere supernumeraries.

The inclosed, which I hope you will give a modest place in your paper, may prove interesting to your readers as it gives a little history of the progress of woman suffrage in the world. Very truly, SARAH GIBSON HUMPHREYS.

Versailles, Ky.

It is sometimes said "The suffrage movement seems to be dying of inaction." On this point let the facts speak for themselves.

Sixty years ago women could not vote anywhere.

In 1838 Kentucky gave school suffrage to widows, and in 1843 the law was changed, making widows and spinsters having taxable property eligible to vote for School Trustees except in cities governed by charters.

In 1861 Kansas gave school suffrage to all women.

In 1869 England gave municipal suffrage to single women and widows, and Wyoming gave full suffrage to all women.

School suffrage was granted in 1873 by Michigan and Minnesota, in 1876 by Colorado, in 1878 by New Hampshire and Oregon, in 1879 by Massachusetts, in 1880 by New York and Vermont.

In 1881 municipal suffrage was extended to the single women and widows of Scotland.

Nebraska gave women school suffrage in 1883, and Wisconsin in 1885.

In 1886 New Brunswick and Ontario gave municipal suffrage to single women and widows, and Washington gave school suffrage to all women.

In 1887 municipal suffrage was extended to all women in Kansas, and school suffrage in North and South Dakota, Montana, Arizona and New Jersey.

In 1891 school suffrage was granted in Illinois.

In 1893 municipal suffrage was extended to single women and widows in the Province of Quebec.

In 1894 school suffrage was granted in Connecticut, and full suffrage in Colorado and New Zealand.

In 1895 school suffrage was granted in Ohio, a limited municipal suffrage in Iowa, and parish and district suffrage in England to women both married and single.

In 1896 full suffrage was granted in South Australia to women both married and single.

In 1896 full suffrage was granted to women in Utah and Idaho.

The question is now pending in South Dakota, Washington and in several of the British provinces.

The next quarterly session of the Central Medical Association will convene in Harrodsburg, Thursday, July 19th.

An Associated Press summary shows that 339 deaths from heat were reported during the past week. Louisville has contributed sixteen to the list of deaths.

Mrs. Carrigan, mother of Robert Carrigan, a member of the Knights of Columbus, died at her home in the Sixth Ward. Mrs. Carrigan is a member of Baptist Church, and is in very poor circumstances.

The farmers of Central Kentucky will meet in mass convention at the Court house in Lexington today to discuss the matter of disposing of their wheat, and take such steps as an organization as will insure them a fair price when they take their wheat to market.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Harrodsburg Turnpike Company, held at Shakerford, it was agreed that the company accept the offer of \$10,000 made by Fayette County for the Harrodsburg turnpike from the city limits of Lexington to the county line. The distance is five and one-half miles.

Here's a good one from The George Town Times: Messrs. D. Frank and E. H. Fenn, who before last had sixteen acres of tobacco, the leaves of which grew so large that they could not be packed, the first man will drop back to the sixth child, allowing each man to move up to the girl immediately preceding him. At the next mile Mr. Two will take his place at the end of the line and Mr. Three rides with Miss One. In this way every girl has a chat with every man, and there is no chance for a monopoly in any direction.

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The Second regiment will arrive Tuesday morning and garrison Frankfort for a week. This regiment is composed of companies from nine of the principal tobacco growing cities, among them Lexington, Frankfort, Winchester, Hazard, Maysville, Covington and Paducah. Col. E. H. Gaither of Harrodsburg will be in charge.

Gov. Bradley will review the regiment.

TO ESCAPE HIGH RATES.

Kentucky Whisky Men May Form an Insurance Company.

Louisville, Ky., July 12.—If no agreement can be reached between the executive committee of the Kentucky and Tennessee Board of Fire Underwriters regarding a reduction of the whisky rate there is no reason why the Distillers and Distributors Mutual Insurance Co. will not be organized.

The promoters of the mutual company encountered a constitutional difficulty in getting a charter under certain conditions. The result of an attorney's investigation, however, is that the distillers may organize an insurance company and operate it in Kentucky without fear of interruption.

Chautauqua Ends Its Work.

Louisville, Ky., July 12.—The Kentucky Chautauqua closed its eleventh annual meeting. It was feared by many that the meeting just closed would be the last ever held, as the association having been unable to collect enough money to pay off any of the debt, which amounts to \$27,000. Enough was made on the meeting, however, to pay the annual interest and defray the expense of the program.

Love of the institution caused the front with subscriptions for stock in sufficient numbers to raise about the \$15,000 required.

Charge Preferred Against Militiamen.

LEXINGTON, Ky., July 12.—Reverend George Drake, United States Marshal, and John Johnson, a member of the Company E, Kentucky State Guard, of this city, alleged that the militiamen stole chickens. Company E has been on guard at the Chautauqua grounds ever since the arrival of the regimental camp.

Latofon, a Negro, alleged that they have stolen more than a dozen chickens from him and more than two dozen from his neighbor, Mrs. Falconer. Warrants will probably be issued.

Four Bankrobbers Captured.

BEATTYVILLE, Ky., July 12.—Revenue Agent J. W. Colyar, United States Marshal George Drake, and L. N. Detective Joe Johnson raided a masonic hall still in Rosedale, and after a desperate fight arrested Jack Reese, John and Bill Botner and Joe McQueen.

Fatal Hysterical Accident.

Louisville, Ky., July 12.—Miss L. Mayne Stover, a widow, died from injuries sustained the night before. She was riding tandem with Evan E. Reese, when they were run into by a fractious horse. An operation was performed from which she died.

Father Quarrel Leads to a Fatal Shoot-ing.

NEW LEXINGTON, Ky., July 12.—Staged Stillwell Hall, who had been shot at Brax's Mill, 15 miles from here, on the Rolling Fork. They had a family quarrel. Stillwell gave himself up to the authorities. Both men are about fifty years old and have families.

Woman a New Country.

GLENDALE, Ky., July 12.—Oliver Hill is back of a scheme to form a new county called Olive, with its seat of justice at Glendale. The country proposed to be included in the new county is for the benefit of the Negroes, Mr. Carter, Elliott, Lewis and Rowan. They are in arms against the plan.

Brothers Fight with Knives.

LEXINGTON, Ky., July 12.—David and Thomas Brown brothers, fought with knives in a saloon on Main Street. The fight was started in the three-cent saloon. Dave was cut on the face and arm. The cause of the trouble was the affection of a dusky damsel.

Fifty Years a Merchant.

LEXINGTON, Ky., July 12.—W. P. Yeister, aged 50, who has been a merchant for fifty years, died Saturday afternoon. He was a merchant for 50 years and amassed a large fortune.

Drop Dead From the Bar.

LEXINGTON, Ky., July 12.—An account of the intense heat, Jennie Elkins, a servant girl in the employ of E. C. Bell, dropped dead here Saturday. Her parents live at Sherman, O.

Insett Passes in West Virginia.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., July 12.—There is great alarm among the farmers throughout the Twelve, Ohio, and Kanawha rivers owing to an insect pest. Entire farms are being devastated and thousands of acres of corn are being destroyed.

There are lots of good players leaping around Cincinnati who can be secured for the trip, and Henry will do his best to put together a winning team.

KENTUCKY NEWS.

The Latest News From All Parts of the Commonwealth.

KENTUCKY GUARDS

Scare a Young Girl Into a Existing Fit-ting.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., July 12.—Miss Hatte Hite, a pretty girl of 18 years, is lying at her home in a very critical condition. She was recently a victim of a squad of soldiers. The young lad visited Fountain Ferry park, where the encampment is being held, in company with several friends. Not knowing the rules, she attempted to walk through the camp, and was shot in the head with uplifted gun. She fainted and was carried to the encampment hospital.

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OCCURRING AT ORANGEBURG.

What The Ledger's Correspondent Records From That Pleasant vicinity.

We are having lots of sickness here. Eugene Bullock was buried at Mt. Oliver the 8th inst.

W. D. Henderson and wife of Tollesboro were here this week.

Dr. J. H. Samuel made a professional call on our town last week.

The colored Elder delivered his semi-annual sermon here Friday night.

Prof. G. H. Turnipseed visited some of my many friends here the first of the week.

D. G. Wilson is still running his peddler and huckster wagon and reports a good trade.

Charles Egnew and wife of Cincinnati visited the family of Dr. Gaines last Sunday and Monday.

Everyone seems busy now. We are glad to see all of the people get to work. If they would keep this busy all the time the yell of "hard times" would be something of the past.

Marion Van derpool, wife of Dr. Gaines, who was so unfortunate as to get her right thumb cut off and her hand badly mutilated in a roller cutting box, is getting along very nicely. She will lose one finger.

George Pollitt, whose lingering illness has been noted in THE LEADER before, died Friday at 11 a.m. He leaves a wife, six daughters and one son in Illinois. He was a member of the M. E. Church, South, a good neighbor, a loving and devoted husband and father. He was buried at Mt. Olivet yesterday.

The Corbin news says: Marion Vanderpool and wife, living about ten miles from here, are the parents of twenty-six children, the youngest being about five years old. The couple are about 50 years old and have been married thirty-one years, and the wife has never given birth to twins, triplets, quadruplets or quintuplets. Most of the children are living.

HOW TO FIND OUT.

Fill a bottle or common glass with urine and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates a diseased condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen it is positive evidence of kidney trouble. Too frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

WHAT TO DO.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy fulfills every wish in relieving pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passages. It corrects inability to hold urine and sealing pain in passing it, or but effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to urinate at all times, which is slight to irritate. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists; price fifty cents and one dollar. For a sample bottle and pamphlet, both sent free by mail, send your full Postoffice address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Birmingham, N. Y. The proprietors of this paper guarantee the genuineness of this offer.

MONTHLY REPORT.

Condition of Crops and Stock July 1st, 1897.

The report for July 1st is made up from replies received from 143 correspondents, representing 100 counties.

Efforts to obtain a report of the wheat crop in the principal winter wheat-growing states have been without avail, one state, Ohio, furnishing the report. In this state the condition is 86.

WHEAT.

The wheat crop was harvested in good condition, although the weather was unfavorable for the work in some localities. In quality the crop ranks as one of the best grown in the state. The yield is generally satisfactory, and in many instances phenomenal. Where the soil was well prepared and seed sown the results are very satisfactory. Where poor preparation of soil was made the sudden and severe freeze of November reduced the stand below the point where a heavy yield was possible. Some damage in shock by rain is reported from Christian and Marshall counties. Damage by hail is reported from Harrison county. The acreage harvested, as compared with 1896, is 96 per cent, showing that entire acreage was harvested. The estimated yield averages 12 bushels per acre. In 1896 the estimated yield was 65 bushels.

CORN.

The corn crop, though still short of the usual growth at this period, has made material improvement during the month, and now presents a condition averaging 87, or an improvement of 5 points during June. A fair state of cultivation exists except in the counties of Henderson, Lawrence and Lewis, where the crop is reported as getting foul.

OATS.

The condition of the oat crop July 1st, as compared with an average year, is 90.

On June 1st the condition was 82, and the falling off is attributed to the dry weather during the early part of June, which allowed the growth of weeds to overrun and interfere with the growth of the crop. Here, again, we have damage from chinch bug. The most serious account from this source is from Anderson county.

TOBACCO.

The condition of the tobacco crop continues to discourage, as a rule. A large majority of the reports represent the crop as backward, a poor stand, and as presenting a ragged, uneven appearance. Added to these unfavorable conditions is damage from insects, and in Western Kentucky the crop has suffered from excess of moisture. Worms are abundant. Particular mention of them is made in the counties of Caldwell, Livingston and Ohio.

PEANUTS.

The condition of the crop July 1st, as compared with average year, is 68. On July 1st of last year the condition was 92. Acreage growing, as compared with acreage of 1896, is 63, which is within 1 per cent of estimate on the prospective acreage made on June 1st.

HEMP.

The condition of the hemp, compared with average years, is 87, an improvement of 3 points during the month. On July 1st of last year the condition was 80.

MEADOWS.

The number of acres of clover meadow cut, as compared with average years, is 82. The weather was, at the beginning of the harvest period, unfavorable for harvesting the crop, and a considerable portion was lost or damaged; but later the conditions were reversed, and the remainder of the crop was saved in good condition.

Timothy meadows, the harvesting of which has not yet begun, show a condition of 82. The quality of the crop will not be up to the standard on account of containing weeds.

PASTURES.

The conditions of pastures is 84, a considerable decline since June 1st. Pastures like meadows, are weedy, which greatly affect both the quality and quantity of grazing.

LIVE STOCK.

The condition of live stock continues good as a rule. Cholera among hogs still prevail in many counties. In McCracken county the disease is proving very fatal.

The correspondents from Bourbon and Harrison counties make no mention of swine among horses, from which we

assume the disease has been wholly eradicated.

FRUIT.

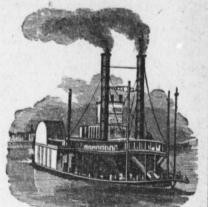
Some complaint is still made of apples and peaches dropping, but a fair crop of apples and a light crop of peaches is assured.

Grapes are reported rotting badly. Blackberries are abundant.

Five Louisville Pastors have begun another movement to procure the passage of a Curfew Ordinance.

FLOTSAM-JETSAM-LIGAN!

NEWSY NOTES FROM NATURE'S GREAT HIGHWAY.



The W. F. Nisbet will pass down to night.

The Bonanza passed up Saturday night for Pomeroy.

The Henry H. Stinson passed down yesterday from Charleston, and returns tonight to Pomeroy.

The river is falling at this point, and the large sandbars are again getting an exposure to steamboats.

Cool enough missed along Kansas to keep the country supplied for months and more in the harbors at all river ports who knew in years. Operators were never better prepared to meet a strike.

The Bay Bros' boat, the Ruth, which has been running in the trade between Sisterdale, W. Va., and Wheeling, will be rechristened, to be the Chevalier's. The Chevalier made her maiden voyage from Fort Smith to the Mississippi River, and the Chevalier will be put in the run between Ironon and Crown City in opposition to the Nancy.

The following boats were at Pittsburgh Sunday: Florence, Belle, Nellie, Hudson No. 3, and two-towboats Iron Age, Ironides, Sam Clarke, Joe Walton, Coal City, Nellie Walton, I. N. Buntin, Maggie, Sam Brown, Cruiser, Bunker, Percy Kelly, Voyager, Raymond Horner, Defender, Onward, George Shiras, Dick Salmon, Enterprise, Little Dick, Fred Wilson, Lumber, Tom, Tom Dodsworth, Joseph, Robert Jenkins, Pacific No. 2, Hornet No. 2, John Moren, James Moran, Stella Moren, Jim Wood, Dave Wood, Ark Mar, Frank Winnett, Frank Gilmore, and Cyclone.

Richmond Register.—Some marked peculiarities appear in connection with the drowning of persons in the Kentucky river from Boonesborough up to the mouth of the Big River. The drowning at Ford last was being formed there remarks. From the settlement of this locality, 1775, to about 1855, a period of eight years, it is believed nobody was drowned. About the latter year, one Turfball, of Winchester, was drowned at the mouth of Bear Run. Probably three years later Fen Con, another Clark county man, was drowned just below the mouth of Four Mile. In 1852 a dozen Negro men and a white woman were washed out of a tall boat, and two little girls were taken into the river and drowned near Ford under a sudden rise. A few years later several boys from Clark were drowned at the mouth of Upper Howard's creek. Since that time the number of drownings, especially at Ford, have been too great to recall, but perhaps every instance except that of John Stewell seven years ago and the boy a year ago and a colored boy the past spring, all were from Clark. These deaths, as far as nearly a century and a quarter ago, were.

For a few hours and fall information address N. R. Warwick, Agent, 317 Vine street, Cincinnati, O.

Special Rates via B. & O. & W. Railways.

Mountain Lake Park, Md., Campmeeting—Going July 1st to 11th inclusive; return July 1st.

Cameron, N. Y.—(Lake Chautauqua) Photographic Association of America—Going July 11th and 12th; return July 20th.

Chautauqua, Penn.—Giant Young People's Union—Going July 15th to 20th; return July 21st.

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